

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Tadashi SANO et al. TC/GAU : 1775
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Docket No. : NIT-5435
Customer No.: 24956

AMENDMENT

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March 16, 2012

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 21, 2011, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee accompany this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Appendix including marked-up and clean copies of the Substitute Specification attached following page 9 of this paper.